

Remarks

This preliminary amendment is being filed prior to the issuance of a first office action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the current application and is therefore timely filed.

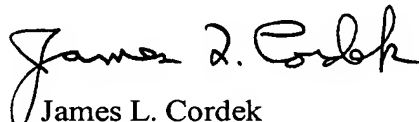
The amendment to the Specification is being offered to properly indicate the priority claims of the current application. As such, Applicants believe the amendment places the current application in better form for allowance.

In the event the Examiner finds minor issues within this case remain unresolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0421.

Respectfully submitted,  
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